

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the election is an abuse of public airwaves and a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and market monopolies.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Citizens rely on the FCC to protect democracy and keep the airwaves open for many opinions and points of view. Sinclair's actions show why we should strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. One person, one media outlet should be the rule. Thank you.